

TAFT IS READY

City, Too, Is Prepared for
the Inaugural Day.

DETAILS ARE FINISHED

Crowds and Glitter of Lights
Foreshadow Event.

DELEGATIONS POURING IN

More Will Arrive To-day, Testing
the Capacity and Accommodations
of Hotels and Other Places Where
the Visitors Will Be Entertained.
Through All the Excitement the
President-elect Is Happy and Se-
rene—Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Sher-
man to Ride with the Presi-
dent and Vice President.

The nation stands ready to inaugurate
William Howard Taft as President of the
United States, and Taft is willing.
One more day of private citizenship and
then Mr. Taft will take the place of
Theodore Roosevelt, probably with less
strenuousness and more comfort for the
members of his Cabinet in the matter of
walking and riding contests.
It is to be a big inauguration, big in
the size of its man inducted into office,
with big crowds, a big parade, and a big
demonstration. Indications are that the
inauguration of Mr. Taft will be the most
elaborate and successful ever accorded
any Chief Executive.
The chairman of the inaugural commit-
tee, Mr. E. J. Stellwagen, has been re-
warded by his unceasing efforts in find-
ing arrangements so complete in detail
that even he is surprised at the accuracy
in which his ideas have been put into
execution.

Crowds Are Arriving.
Already the crowds are coming to town.
The people are arriving from every part
of the nation on all trains that enter the
city, and the Union Station is responding
nobly to the demands made upon it. Put
to its first big test, it is amply showing
its magnificent supremacy over the rail-
way stations in this country. The incom-
ing delegations, growing larger hourly,
are handled without the semblance of
strain. The management is perfect.
There are no rough spots, nothing which
the citizens of this great Capital needs
to view with an apologetic air. The
plans are leveled off and its unfinished
portions are kept from view by a long
peristyle of evergreens.

On the eve of the big event its central
figure is benign and serene. President-
elect Taft, observing precedent and tra-
dition, is awaiting the day calmly. He
is in an "expectant mood."
But there is one point, however, on
which he will ignore tradition. Mrs. Taft
will ride from the Capitol to the White
House with Mr. Taft immediately after
he has taken the oath of office. The out-
going President has usually occupied a
seat in the new President's carriage on
the return trip, but Mr. Roosevelt will
go directly from the Capitol to the rail-
road station and leave the city for Oyster
Bay.

Mrs. Sherman, wife of the Vice Presi-
dent-elect, will also ride in the carriage
with her husband. This point was de-
cided yesterday afternoon by the Senate
and House committee in charge of the
inaugural ceremony.

Prior to Inauguration.
In the procession from the White House
to the Capitol prior to the inauguration
Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Sherman will not ap-
pear. Mr. Taft will ride with President
Roosevelt, and opposite to them in the
same carriage will be Senators Knox and
Lodge.

In the next carriage will be Vice Presi-
dent Fairbanks, with Senator Bacon and
Representative Burke, and in the carriage
following this will be Mr. Sherman, with
Senator Frye, who is President pro tem-
poris of the Senate, and Representatives
Young and Gaines.

President Roosevelt will go directly from
the inaugural stand at the east front of
the Capitol to the Union Station, and will
not return to the White House with Mr.
Taft.

In the return trip the six members of
the committee on arrangements will be in
carriages preceding the carriages contain-
ing the new President and the new Vice
President and their wives.

When Mr. Taft was asked about the
arrangements for this return trip to the
White House, he said, laughingly:
"Why, I haven't any objection what-
ever to having Mrs. Taft ride with me."

The President-elect was in particularly
happy mood yesterday. When asked who
Mrs. Taft's secretary would be, he said
he didn't know. He added, with a
chuckle, that he wasn't mixing up in
Mrs. Taft's affairs. He said that Fred
Carpenter, his secretary, had just got
himself into trouble by giving out a de-
scription of one of the inaugural gowns
in advance, and he didn't propose to get
caught.

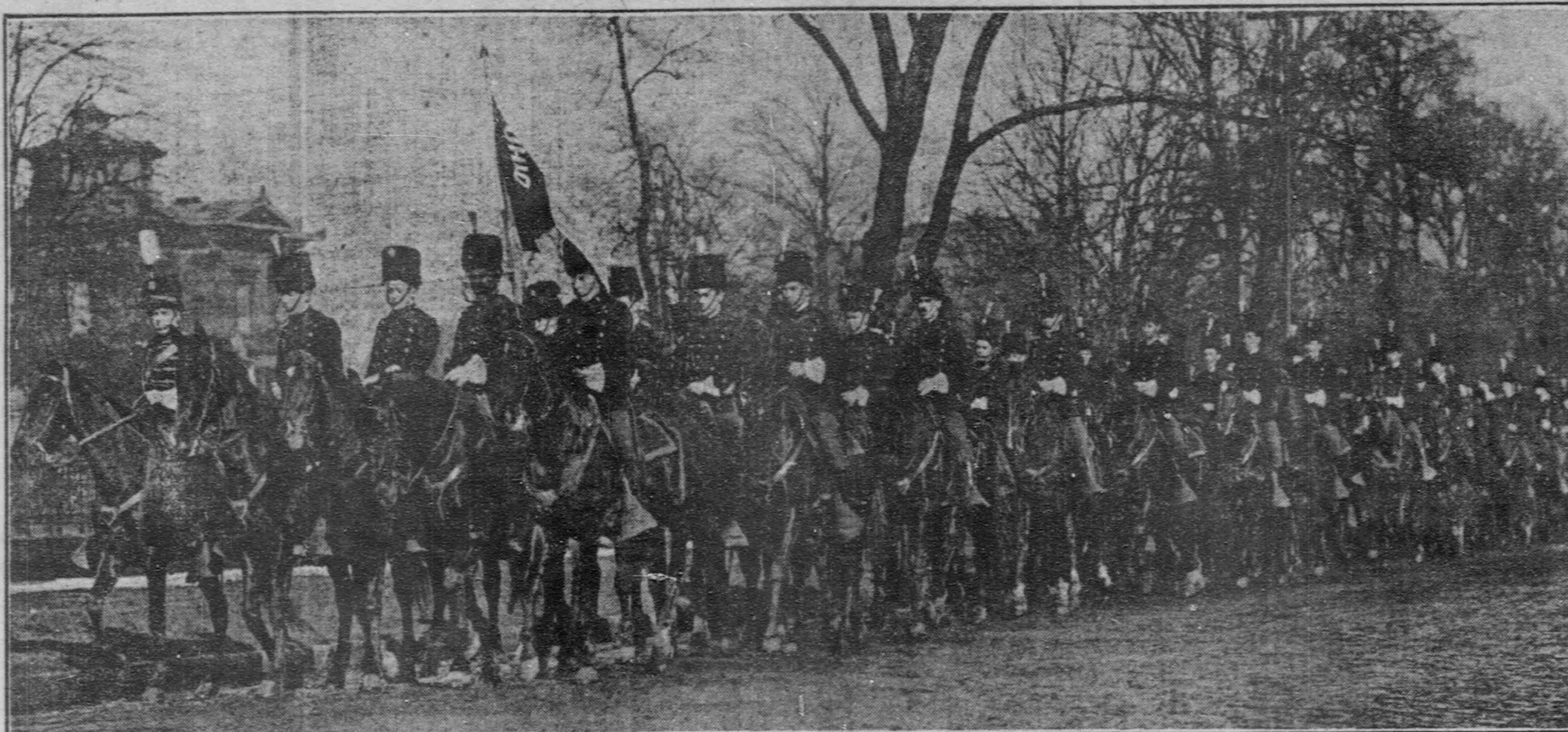
With his Cabinet all made up, his in-
augural address ready for delivery, and
the arrangements for Thursday's big
event completed, Mr. Taft admitted he
was very happy.

He looked and acted the part. His
friends haven't seen him in a happier
mood in many a day. He had a jolly
word for every one of the long string of
visitors who called at the Boardman
house, and the Taft laugh was working
overtime. This spirit seemed to be in-
fectious. Everybody who dropped in on
the President-elect came away smiling.
Even the policeman out in front of the
house whistled, and occasionally did a
little jig.

"I wish some of my old cronies were
alive," said the man who has seen nine
inaugurations.

By the rules of the game the old fel-
low ought to be callous and blasé, but

TROOP A, OHIO NATIONAL GUARD, KNOWN AS THE MILLION DOLLAR BLACK HORSE TROOP.



WILL ACT AS ESCORT TO PRESIDENT-ELECT TAFT ON THE DAY OF HIS INAUGURATION.

OHIO'S BEST TROOP
WILL ESCORT TAFT

Famous Militia Guard Has
Honor Post in Parade.

LONG DISTINGUISHED RECORD

Troop A Has Attended Every Ohio
President to White House, from
Hayes to McKinley—Accompanied
Garfield's Body to Last Resting
Place—Uniform Like Hussars'.

No more picturesque, no more martial
and soldierly company will ride in the
inaugural parade on March 4 than Troop
A, Ohio National Guard, which will es-
cort President-elect Taft to the Capitol,
and then escort President Taft to the
White House.
One of the most famous military organi-
zations in recent American history, the
troop will appear distinctive from the
other militiamen and regulars in the pa-
rade on account of its uniforms and
mounts. More like a troop of King Ed-
ward's Hussars will the militiamen ap-
pear than like one of Uncle Sam's or-
ganizations.

Troop A has many claims to distinc-
tion. It has seen active service, doing
duty at Santiago, and in the suppression
of riots, and in quelling the night riders
of Ohio and Tennessee. The troop also
has had the honor of escorting every
Buckeye State President to the White
House, from Hayes to McKinley.

In 1881 the troop acted as escort to
President Garfield, and in the fall of the
same year had the sad honor of escorting
his body to its last resting place. It has
taken part in every large public event
in Ohio, and many outside of the State,
and holds many records of prowess on
the drill and target fields.

Includes Yale Men.

Making the troop a more peculiarly
appropriate escort to Mr. Taft is the fact
that about twenty of the members of the
organization are Yale graduates, a few
being classmates of Mr. Taft.

The following men are Yale graduates:
Otto Miller, '95; Reuben Hitchcock, '97;
H. R. Tuttle, '97; Lewis H. Williams, '98;
Edward B. Greene, 1900; Richard Spencer,
'01; Jephthah H. Wade, Jr., '01; Robert C.
Norton, '02; Gardner Abbott, '02; W. H.
Lamprecht, '02; Harold T. Clark, '03; Fay-
ette Brown, '04; Horatio Ford, '04; Wil-
son B. Hickox, '05; Donald McBride, '06; Ches-
ter C. Brooke, '06; Amasa Mather, '07; and
Julian P. Devereux, '08.

Troop A was organized in 1857 as the
First City Troop, and numbered among its
charter members men who have been
prominently identified with the growth
and prosperity of Cleveland. Three vet-
erans of the civil war at that time off-
ering the troop—Capt. William Hamilton
Harris, a graduate of West Point, '61,
who resigned as captain of ordnance in
1870, having been brevetted major and
lieutenant colonel in the Wilderness cam-
paign; First Lieut. Edward Seraphim
Meyer, who left active service in 1872,
being a brigadier general by brevet, now
a major on the retired list, and Second
Lieut. George Armstrong Garretson, who
saw service in the civil war before being
entered in West Point, where he gradu-
ated in 1867. He won distinction as a gen-
eral of brigade in the war with Spain,
being recommended for the brevet of ma-
jor general for gallantry in action.

Independent Ten Years.

For ten years the troop was an inde-
pendent command. It entered the service
of the State as unattached cavalry in
1887, and since 1888 has been officially
designated as Troop A, from which or-
ganization sprang Troops B and C in the
First Ohio Regiment of Cavalry during
the war with Spain, Troop A forming the
nucleus for the regiment.

After a service of seven years Capt.
Harris gave way to Capt. Garretson, who
remained in command until 1891. The
succeeding troop commanders were Capt.
J. B. Perkins, C. C. Bolton, Russell E.
Burdick, who had command during the
war-time service of the troop; Frank E.
Buntis, a graduate of the United States
Naval Academy, who served as major
and brigade surgeon during the Span-
ish-American war, and William M. Scofield,
who commanded Troop C, First Ohio Vol-
unteer Cavalry, and who later was a cap-
tain.

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36 Philadelphia and Return.
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.
Tickets good 11 days. Royal Blue trains
leave Union Station 7, 9, 11 a. m., and 1, 3,
5, 7 p. m., and 12:15 night and 2:30 a. m. Ter-
minals at 23d st. and foot of Liberty st.,
New York.

Special prices for inaugural stands.

Frank Libbey & Co., N. Y. ave. and 6th st.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia,
Maryland, and Virginia—Show-
ers to-day; to-morrow fair; mod-
erate southerly, shifting to west-
erly winds.

PLANS CLEVELAND MEMORIAL

Committee Announces Speakers for
Meeting March 18 in New York.

New York, March 1.—The Grover Cleve-
land memorial committee appointed by
Mayor McClellan, announced to-day its
plans for a meeting that will be held on
March 18, the seventy-second anniversary
of the birth of Mr. Cleveland.

The afternoon meeting will take place
at Carnegie Hall at 3 o'clock. Addresses
will be made by President Taft, Chief
Justice Fuller, and Governor Hughes,
and by the mayor, who will preside. A
letter from Theodore Roosevelt will be
read.

In the evening a meeting will be held
in the great hall of the City College.
Addresses will be made by Senator Elihu
Root, Judge George Gray and Gov.
Hughes. Although he will not speak a
second time, President Taft will attend
the evening meeting.

CHARGES CAPTAIN WAS DRUNK.

Judge Advocate's Contention Re-
garding Capt. T. M. Corcoran.

Philadelphia, March 1.—In examining
witnesses to-day in the court-martial at
the Federal Building, trying Capt. Thomas
M. Corcoran, of Troop G, Thirteenth
Cavalry, on charges arising from alter-
cations between the men of his command
and the Pennsylvania guardsmen at last
summer's division encampment at Gettys-
burg, Capt. Hay, the judge advocate, en-
deavored to show that Capt. Corcoran
was intoxicated in violation of his pledge
during the period in which the disorder
is said to have occurred.

Testimony was produced to the effect
that the captain was apparently under
the influence of intoxicants, but there
was considerable difficulty in substantiat-
ing the charge.

Herr Babel Dangerously Ill.

Berlin, March 1.—Herr Rebel, Socialist
leader in the Reichstag, who has been ill
for some time with a disease of the kid-
neys, is to-day much worse, and is con-
sidered to be dangerously ill.

Victim of Assault Died.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Norfolk, Va., March 1.—Richard Kemp,
a youth found badly beaten in a gutter
in Norfolk County, last Thursday night,
died to-night, either from exposure or
the result of the beating. Tom Flynn, R.
H. Davis, and another boy named J. W.
Hobbs, who are alleged to have bent and
left him in the gutter, have been arrested,
charged with murder.

WRIGHT MACHINE DAMAGED.

Aeroplane Glides Along the Ground,
but Aviators Are Not Injured.

Paris, March 1.—After two successful
flights to-day with Count de Lambert,
occupying seven and one-half and twenty-
one minutes, respectively, Wilbur Wright
made preparations for another flight with
Col. Vives, of the balloon contingent of
the Spanish army.

At the moment of starting the carriage
on which the aeroplane runs down the
rail track and broke the rear rudder.
The wire connected with the rudder twist-
ed around the propellers, which broke.
The aeroplane slid forty yards along the
ground. Mr. Wright not being able to
control it. The aviators were not hurt,
but the machine was seriously damaged.

STRIKE IN SCHOOL.

Boy Beaten, Other Pupils Refuse to
Attend School.

Oaxaca, Mex., March 1.—All the pupils
but ten have gone on a strike in the pub-
lic school at Santa Catarina, in the dis-
trict of San Carlos, against the head
master of the school, who is accused of
unmercifully chastising one of their num-
ber, Carlos Ballesteros, district mayor,
is investigating.

LEAPS TO PAVEMENT.

Handcuffed and with Ankles Tied
Man Ends His Life.

Pittsburg, March 1.—Handcuffed and
with his ankles tied, and in addition to
this suffering from painful wounds in
his neck, Capt. William Gearhart, of No.
27 Engine Company, who yesterday after-
noon attempted to murder Mrs. Anna B.
Baxter at her home, in Bennett street,
East End, with a razor and then tried
to commit suicide, made a second at-
tempt upon his life at the Pittsburg Hospi-
tal at 10 o'clock this morning and was
successful.

Capt. Gearhart was handcuffed and his
ankles were tied to prevent him from in-
juring himself. He leaped from the win-
dow of his room and fell to the pave-
ment, sixty feet below. He was dead
when picked up.

Mrs. Baxter, whose throat was partly
cut by Gearhart, cannot live.

Roosevelt Winner

ON PLATT'S "SAY SO"

Senator Urged Him to Run
for Governor.

HAD TROUBLE IN QUALIFYING

Affidavits Showing President a Resi-
dent of Washington Produced, but
Republican Leader Found Way to
Overcome that Obstacle—Flight Won
Few Days Before the Convention.

ration, it would be possible to proceed
with the plans for his gubernatorial nom-
ination.

"Lacking any other expedient, I in-
formed them that if they were possessed
of all the facts they would view the
matter differently, and that later I hoped
to be able to apprise them of such facts.

"I then referred my friends in another
room and returned to them while Mr.
Lauterbach and his associates had pre-
sented for my consideration. At this
 juncture Mr. Roosevelt took me aside
and said with a trepidation I had never
before and have never since seen him
display, I cannot remain in this fight; I
must withdraw from the race. His de-
sire to withdraw was made apparent to
every one in the room.

Urged to Make Race.
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tion and to restore his courage, I said,
with brutal frankness: 'Is the hero of
San Juan a coward?' He replied with
his customary vehemence, 'No; I am not
a coward.'

"We then resumed the discussion of
methods of procedure, and, at my sug-
gestion, Mr. Root went to Massachusetts,
where Mr. Choate wasjourning, in or-
der to obtain from Mr. Choate his
views in the premises. The meeting then
dispensed, and was resumed at Saratoga
some days later, where the Republican
State convention was assembling.'

"At this second meeting there were
present Mr. Root, Mr. Depew, Frank
Hitchcock, George W. Ray, myself, and
others. Mr. Root reported to me that
Mr. Choate had expressed the opinion that
the case was hopeless, and added, 'In
order to obtain from Mr. Choate his
views in the premises, The meeting then
dispensed, and was resumed at Saratoga
some days later, where the Republican